

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 21, 2002 LB 947

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Can I ask another question, and maybe you don't know the answer, but I...you had mentioned that it had to do with a federal statute. Are there any other benefits...I was looking at who...who had testified on behalf of the bill. I mean, are there other benefits that phone companies will get if we adopt this this year?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Hmm...

SENATOR BOURNE: Or is it strictly this tax on the pagers and then the reciprocal tax?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I...I think that's the primary benefit. They're also interested in, I think, the bundling provision which allows them to just, at one place on the...on their bill, state the aggregate tax without breaking it up so that you know whether that was a tax on your long distance calls, whether that was a tax on the...the primary service, whether that was a tax on paging. You just want it to segregate those things out. I think they're interested in that.

SENATOR BOURNE: So the portion that's of significance to us is it's three-quarters of a million dollars, but it's...it's a new tax.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Wickersham, your light is on next on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I would yield time to Senator Bourne if he had...because I think I took perhaps too much time answering his questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, did you wish to use...?

SENATOR BOURNE: No, I just need to basically digest what you've said. I mean, my understanding originally from reading the bill